Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 06 Apr 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 07 Apr 2021

Forecast Issued on Monday 05 Apr 2021 at 11:04 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for very cold conditions on Tuesday with snow showers then more settled for a time on Wednesday. High for unsettled and windy weather but less cold on Thursday then snow showers on Friday.

Headline for Tuesday 06 Apr 2021: Bitterly cold with snow showers. Strong, squally winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 06 Apr 2021

Blizzards High Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** High Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	60%	60%	60%

Forecast for Tuesday 06 Apr 2021

Weather: Clear or sunny intervals and snow showers will give new accumulations of powder snow. Very cold Arctic air and gales will mean a severe wind chill effect with drifting snow and blizzard conditions on the hills at times. Showers becoming a little less frequent in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40-60%, best chance in the afternoon across south of the area.

Visibility: Occasionally very poor (<200m) in the snow showers with cloud bases down to 600m at times. Blowing snow will also hamper visibility. Spells of clear visibility between showers, especially in afternoon on lower slopes in south.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	36/48 NW	35/47 NW	37/49 NW	33/48 NW	35/49 NW	40/55 NW	35/49 NW	34/47 NW	32/44 NW
900	28/38 NW	28/38 NW	28/39 NW	26/39 NW	28/41 NW	29/43 NW	26/38 NW	25/36 NW	22/33 NW
600	18/27 NW	18/27 NW	19/28 NW	17/29 NW	21/34 NW	22/35 NW	18/29 NW	17/28 NW	14/24 NW
300	11/25 NW	11/25 NW	12/26 NW	13/30 NW	15/33 NW	16/34 NW	12/26 NW	10/23 NW	9/22 NW
Glen	6/26 NW	6/24 NW	6/25 NW	8/30 NW	10/31 NW	11/32 NW	8/26 NW	6/22 NW	6/20 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-12/-25	-12/-24	-12/-25	-12/-24	-11/-23	-10/-22	-10/-23	-11/-23	-11/-23
900	-8/-19	-8/-19	-9/-20	-8/-19	-7/-18	-6/-16	-7/-17	-8/-18	-8/-17
600	-6/-14	-6/-14	-6/-15	-6/-14	-4/-13	-3/-12	-4/-12	-6/-13	-6/-12
300	-4/-9	-4/-10	-4/-10	-3/-9	-1/-7	-0/-6	-2/-7	-3/-8	-3/-8
Glen	-3/-8	-3/-8	-3/-9	-3/-9	-1/-7	0/-6	0/-5	-2/-6	-2/-7
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

The very cold Arctic airstream will continue to bring serious winter conditions for early April. Winds may reach storm force over the Caingorm Plateau in the afternoon and evening.

Forecast for Wednesday 07 Apr 2021

Weather: Clear or sunny spells and snow showers, but the showers will become lighter then ease off in the afternoon as winds also ease. Some sleet or snow reaching the west late in the evening.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly 30-40mph, gusts 45-50mph in morning, easing Westerly 15-20mph in afternoon, increasing to 25-30mph in evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% in morning becoming 70% in afternoon.

Visibility: Occasionally very poor in the morning with patchy cloud down to 600m and snow showers with blowing snow. Improving in the afternoon as showers and winds ease, becoming mainly excellent. Deteriorating in the west late evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 3 or 4C rising to 2 or 3C.
At 800m: Minus 6 or 7C rising to Minus 3C.
Freezing level: All levels at first, rising to 400m during the day.

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